

REMARKS

The present Amendment cancels claims 1-11 and leaves claims 12-22 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 12-22, which were allowed by the Examiner.

35 U.S.C. §101 Rejections

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. As indicated above, claims 1-11 were canceled. Therefore, this rejection regarding claims 1-11 is rendered moot.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention. As indicated above, claim 2 was canceled. Therefore, this rejection regarding claim 2 is rendered moot.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

Claims 1-11 stand rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0158632 to Nierlich, et al. As indicated above, claims 1-11 were canceled. Therefore, this rejection regarding claims 1-11 is rendered moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 12-22 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger, Malur & Brundidge, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (referencing attorney docket no. 1021.43058X00).

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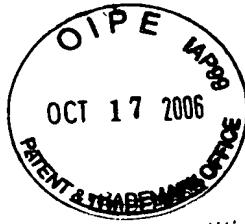
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